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Mayor Appoints Laliberty as Haverhill's New Fire Chief

Today, Mayor James J. Fiorentini announced he has appointed William Laliberty as the new Fire Chief for the City of Haverhill.

In making the appointment, Mayor Fiorentini called Laliberty “the best choice for the fire department, and the best choice for the citizens of Haverhill.”

The appointment of a new fire chief was the culmination of a six month selection process. The process started with 21 applicants from throughout the country and as far away as Texas and Maryland. Six of those candidates were chosen to go before an assessment center, a group of retired chiefs and town managers with experience in hiring fire chiefs. The assessment center administered a series of oral and written tests over a two day period. Mr. Laliberty became one of the top finishers in the assessment center.

From there, the Mayor convened a committee that consisted of people who had experience in hiring fire chiefs. The committee consisted of Interim Fire Chief Parrow, Public Safety Commissioner and Police Chief DeNaro, Director of Inspectional Services Richard MacDonald who is a former Town Manager, and Director of Purchasing and Energy, Orlando Pacheco also a former town manager, and Denise McClanahan Director of Human Resources. That committee unanimously recommended Deputy Chief Laliberty for the position.

Mayor Fiorentini stated:

“Chief Laliberty has successfully undergone a long and extensive selection process. By taking this out of civil service, we were able to get a large pool of applicants. Mr. Laliberty was successful against this large and very qualified pool.”

William Laliberty has over 29 years of experience in the Haverhill Fire Department. He has served as private, Lieutenant and Captain. Most recently, Deputy Laliberty served as Deputy Chief since July of 2004. During the past – years, he has been in charge of fire prevention. As the Deputy in charge of fire prevention, he has been in charge of inspections he has managed fire inspections, permitting, code enforcement, fire investigations, plan reviews and public education programs for citizens.

Mayor Fiorentini stated:

“When Deputy Laliberty took charge of fire prevention, we had a problem with our relationship with the business community in the city. Deputy Laliberty worked with the business community to build a more cooperative relationship.”

Deputy Laliberty received his Master's Degree in Public Administration; Fire Science Administration from Anna Maria College and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts; Fire Science Concentration from Merrimack College. Chief Laliberty has served as Deputy Fire Chief of Fire Prevention. Chief Laliberty is a credentialed Fire Prevention Officer 1; He completed the Chief Fire Officer Program and has served for 26



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years as a Hazardous Materials Technician for the District 6 Regional Hazardous Materials Team. Chief Laliberty is married to Elizabeth and they have four children. On his time off, he enjoys outdoor activities, sporting events and traveling.

Mayor Fiorentini stated:

“Chief Laliberty has been dedicated to our department and city for over 29 years. He has served in numerous capacities in the fire department and knows our city inside and out.

“His wealth of knowledge in fire prevention and hazardous materials will be a tremendous asset as Fire Chief. His commitment to our community and public safety makes Chief Laliberty a great choice to lead our fire department.”

Chief Laliberty stated:

“I have served the City of Haverhill for over 29 years and thank Mayor Fiorentini, for appointing me as the new Fire Chief. I also want to thank all the individuals, in the community, city departments and within the fire department, who gave me their support during the selection process. I look forward to serving the city in my new capacity with a goal to improve the Department’s level of service to the community. I look forward to working with fire department personnel to improve the quality of life issues affecting the safety and welfare of the public and the firefighters who serve our community.”



(Above photo is Mayor Fiorentini and newly appointed Fire Chief William Laliberty)

Chief William Laliberty will receive a one year contract at \$125,000 salary.